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INTRODUCTION

1. The twenty-seventh session of the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities was held at Geneva from 6 to 8 September 1993. The agenda, as contained in annex I, corresponds to the subheadings of section II of the present report. Twenty-four organizations were represented at the session. The list of participants is contained in annex II; the list of documents, in annex III.

2. The Subcommittee, on the basis of the successful experiment at its twenty-sixth session in 1992, (a) maintained the daily schedule, which involved meeting for an additional hour each day compared to previous sessions, in order to allow full discussion of all items on the agenda; and (b) prepared a report on the session that, compared with previous reports, was briefer and more focused on issues, decisions and agreements.

I. MATTERS FOR ENDORSEMENT OR APPROVAL BY THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

3. The main concern of the Subcommittee was a further consideration of its own role and functioning. Many changes had occurred in recent years which had had an impact on international statistical work. Those changes called for changes and improvements in the Subcommittee in terms of the issues it dealt with, its relationships with intergovernmental bodies and other bodies, its methods of work and the overall instruments and methods of its coordination. The Subcommittee made a number of specific decisions, as described in section II below.

4. The Subcommittee reviewed the activities of the six task forces that had been established by the Statistical Commission in the areas of national accounts; industrial and construction statistics; international trade statistics; finance statistics; price statistics, including the International Comparison Programme; and environment statistics. It established parameters for the functioning of the task forces and requested specific actions, including the setting of priorities and timetables for their tasks to be completed. The Subcommittee established guidelines for the establishment of new task forces and agreed to the establishment of task forces for services statistics and the measurement of poverty. The Subcommittee suspended the work of the Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases.

5. The Subcommittee reviewed the work and plans of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections.

6. The Subcommittee proposed that its twenty-eighth session be held in Paris from 8 to 10 June 1994. The following provisional agenda was agreed:

(a) Issues related to work of the Task Forces;

(b) Coordination of statistical data collection from countries;

(c) Review of the Bureau and Chairmanship of the Subcommittee;

(d) Preparations for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission (1995);

(e) Coordination of ongoing statistical programmes;

(f) Report of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections.

II. WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE 1/

A. Future role and functioning of the Subcommittee 2/

7. While organizations had different perspectives, they shared many common views. The Subcommittee agreed that its work over the years had been broad in coverage and generally successful. Nevertheless, changes and improvements were necessary for a number of reasons: (a) with increased globalization of statistical work, greater interaction among the organizations involved was required; (b) there was a recognition of changing roles, coverage and priorities of organizations at the international level; (c) a greater regional dimension had emerged, a development that was expected to occur in all regions over time; (d) a major review of the international statistical system, undertaken by the Statistical Commission, had resulted in a significant number of decisions and recommendations requiring action by the Subcommittee and others; and (e) resource limitations continued to impose serious constraints for an increasing number of organizations, leading to further demands for increased efficiency. The Subcommittee emphasized that the costs of effective coordination were high and that efforts in that direction needed to be made more cost-effective. At the same time, organizations should have realistic expectations about the possible achievements of coordination.

8. In examining its role and methods of work, the Subcommittee emphasized its function as a forum for inter-agency consultation and action throughout the year, as well as the importance of its developing a stronger, more interactive relationship with the Statistical Commission and its Working Group. The Subcommittee considered that one of its major roles was to provide direction and coherence to the subsidiary bodies and instruments of coordination, including the task forces established by the Statistical Commission and any new task forces that might be established. On occasion, there might be cause for the Subcommittee to establish additional special working groups dealing with selected topics. Such working groups should have clear and task-oriented terms of reference. It would be expected that such groups would be ad hoc in character and would be time-limited. Reports submitted by those groups to the Subcommittee should be concise and, as necessary, should present issues for consideration or for action.

General matters

9. The Subcommittee decided that:

(a) The work of the Subcommittee should be ongoing throughout the year and should include (a) circulating to all members information on implementation of Subcommittee decisions; (b) ensuring contact among members on any new issues of

coordination arising between meetings; and (c) informing all members periodically of progress in the work of the task forces and other major matters of concern to the Subcommittee;

(b) The work should be forward-looking and should involve, for example, the development of plans to address particular emerging problems or issues of general concern; the coordination of long-term plans for methodological work; and the review of management issues involved in the use of new technologies in the statistical work of the organizations;

(c) The Subcommittee should take fully into account that an important part of coordination should develop at the regional level, as agreed by the Statistical Commission.

Conduct of meetings

10. The Subcommittee decided that:

(a) Discussions during meetings should focus on coordination issues and should be action-oriented; the Subcommittee was not a forum for technical discussion of issues; the agendas needed to be carefully screened; participants should avoid reporting on activities of their own organizations and references to recent experiences should be limited to circumstances that might facilitate discussion on substantive issues;

(b) The length of meetings, in practice, should be determined by the agenda and the work to be accomplished but should be targeted for a period of 2 1/2 days, while the rest of the week should be made available for formal satellite (e.g., task force or working group) meetings or informal inter-agency consultations on specific topics;

(c) The heads of statistics of participating organizations should be expected to attend meetings.

Documentation and reports of the meetings

11. The Subcommittee decided that:

(a) All organizations should be encouraged to prepare documents on any agenda items of interest to them;

(b) The preparation and distribution of documents should be rationalized; deadlines for distribution should be adhered to; a permissible length should be specified and contributors should adhere to the agreed limit; discussion papers should be action-oriented, should focus on general policy or coordination issues and should include a section identifying issues on which the Subcommittee was invited to comment; documents limited to descriptions of agency activities might continue to be included in Subcommittee documentation and distributed to participants for information but would not be formally introduced; background documents should be identified as such;

(c) Only the text of decisions should be agreed to at the meeting; a short and concise report should be prepared by the Secretary after the meeting and circulated within one month of the meeting for comments and approval, on a lapse of time basis.

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12. For the purpose of improving communications between the Secretariat of the Subcommittee and members of the Subcommittee during the year and in connection with preparation for Subcommittee meetings, maximum possible use should be made of electronic links. The Subcommittee requested the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat (UNSTAT) to update the list of addresses for electronic communications among the organizations.

13. In order to support those new directions the Subcommittee decided that UNSTAT should continue to serve as secretariat of the Subcommittee and that its function should reflect more fully the ongoing nature of Subcommittee work between sessions. The Subcommittee established, on an experimental basis, a Bureau, initially comprised of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and UNSTAT, with the following terms of reference: "To provide guidance to the overall work of the Subcommittee, including (a) to follow up the decisions of the current session during the inter-sessional period and (b) to plan the next session, including establishing the agenda and ensuring its forward-looking orientation." With the exception of UNSTAT, the members of the Bureau would be subject to change over time. The Subcommittee also examined arrangements for the Chairmanship of the Subcommittee. As some relevant considerations were expected to become clearer in the forthcoming year, the Subcommittee decided that a decision on long-term arrangements for the Chairmanship should be deferred until the twenty-eighth session. The Subcommittee decided that the Chairman of the twenty-eighth session would be Mr. J. McLenaghan, Director of the Statistics Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

14. The Subcommittee agreed that the decisions on reform taken at that session were not necessarily exhaustive and that they were subject to review in the light of experience.

B. Coordination of data-collection activities 3/

15. The Subcommittee supported the continued preparation of the inventory of statistical data-collection activities and the improvements introduced in the 1993 version (E/CN.3/AC.1/1993/R.6 and Add.1), particularly the restructuring according to statistical subject-matter, but wished to see more specific and wider use of the inventory to reconfirm the need for its continued production. It also supported:

(a) Efforts to expand awareness of the inventory at the national level and its use at both the international and national levels;

(b) The development of country- and region-specific lists of data-collection activities that would provide a better indication of the actual burden on each country (or region);

(c) The assignment of a unique identification number to each regular periodic questionnaire as an aid to countries in identifying questionnaires. The Subcommittee requested UNSTAT to consult with organizations on possible systems of numbering;

(d) The identification of the government department or agency to which each data inquiry was sent;

(e) The specification of the mode of each collection activity (i.e., questionnaire, magnetic tape or diskette, or direct access to national database), since that would indicate the scale of the burden assumed by the respondent.

16. The Subcommittee agreed to provide the necessary additional information to implement the improvements described in paragraph 15, subparagraphs (c), (d) and (e) above but expressed reservations about using the inventory as an authorized list of routine requests for statistics from countries. However, it agreed to study the concept further and agreed that the task forces should investigate further ways of reducing the reporting burdens on countries and any duplication in their areas of statistics. In addition, countries should again be invited to inform UNSTAT of any apparent duplication in data-collection activities.

C. Issues related to the work of the task forces established by the Statistical Commission 4/

17. The Subcommittee:

(a) Agreed that the task forces constituted an important initiative for improving substantive coordination and statistical development, and that some positive results were already apparent, although the task forces were at varying stages of development and progress in their work;

(b) Agreed that the task forces should not be seen as permanent bodies and that their continuation should depend on specific needs and outputs, and requested each task force to address that question in respect of its own objectives and progress towards achieving them;

(c) Agreed that the task forces should take a flexible and pragmatic approach to the involvement of national representatives in the work of the task forces, and recognized that such involvement might not be necessary for each task force. Such involvement could take the form of providing either specific expertise or else a means of information-sharing in support of the inter-agency decision-making process;

(d) Requested the task forces to establish clear priorities and timetables for their tasks, taking account of priorities set by the Subcommittee and relevant intergovernmental bodies. The Subcommittee recognized that individual

agencies involved in more than one task force would also have to set priorities for their support of the work of those task forces; organizations would need to continue to assign the necessary resources to ensure the success of the task forces;

(e) Requested the task forces to ensure appropriate regional representation or otherwise take fully into account the regional dimension of statistical work and its coordination;

(f) Requested the task forces to share fully and widely with involved organizations relevant information about their work. Improved mechanisms needed to be explored for the efficient and rapid transmission of information, including modern telecommunications. In particular, experimental use of a bulletin-board approach was suggested;

(g) Accepted the concept of burden-sharing, including cost-sharing, on a voluntary basis for activities undertaken by the task forces. The exact approach would have to be developed within the context of each task force and of the priorities, resources and administrative and budgetary requirements of each participating organization.

18. The Subcommittee considered that the experience gained with the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) should be useful for the other task forces as well as for any fields in which a coordinated effort was needed on large-scale methodological undertakings. The experience should enable those undertakings to be planned more realistically, allowing for necessary communications and responses and for completion within tighter time-frames. Use of modern telecommunications, as indicated in paragraph 17, subparagraph (f) above, would be critical in achieving those results.

19. The Subcommittee requested each task force to review the question of changing the base year for statistical series in its area of concern and to report the results to UNSTAT for circulation to members of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee requested the Bureau to review the results and decide whether the matter should be taken up by the Subcommittee at its twenty-eighth session.

National accounts

20. The Subcommittee:

(a) Emphasized that ISWGNA should, as a matter of priority, proceed with the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) and the necessary resource mobilization;

(b) Agreed that implementation of the SNA had both regional and central coordination components and requested ISWGNA to study that question in consultation with the regional commissions and submit a report to the Subcommittee at its twenty-eighth session as a basis for policy decisions to be made in that area;

(c) Agreed that the quantity, type and sources of resources for implementing the SNA should be assessed realistically and requested ISWGNA to

review the question of the best approach to take to the mobilization of resources, including consideration of possible roles for the executive secretaries of the regional commissions.

Industrial and construction statistics

21. The Subcommittee:

(a) Noted the participation of experts from member countries;

(b) Noted that the Task Force would keep abreast of the process of transferring responsibility for general industrial statistics from UNSTAT to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

International trade statistics

22. The Subcommittee:

(a) Welcomed the approach of setting short-, medium- and long-term tasks to be completed;

(b) Noted the positive views of the Task Force on the inclusion of national input through technical meetings on estimates and adjustments as well as the view that the national statistical offices had a crucial role to play in improving the source data.

Finance statistics

23. The Subcommittee noted that the coverage of the Task Force included balance of payments, external debt, national money and banking, government finance and other finance statistics.

Price statistics, including the International Comparison Programme (ICP)

24. The Subcommittee noted that the Task Force was still in the very early stages of work.

Environment statistics

25. The Subcommittee recognized that because environment statistics was a relatively new field, one of the initial aims of the Task Force was to identify the full range of organizations that were active in the field.

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26. With respect to the establishment of new task forces the Subcommittee agreed that:

(a) The number of task forces should be kept very limited and consistent with resources that could be assigned to them; the task forces were resource-intensive and selectivity in establishing them in priority areas was crucial;

(b) Any existing coordination groups should be taken into account and should be used to the extent they could meet established objectives;

(c) In establishing a new task force, the following conditions should be met:

(i) The area should be a priority area;

(ii) It should involve a number of international agencies;

(iii) An established need or problem should exist;

(iv) The subject or activity coverage should be clearly defined;

(v) Terms of reference should be established in advance.

27. The Subcommittee considered the possible establishment of additional task forces in three areas: service statistics, poverty and technical cooperation. The Subcommittee:

(a) Recognized the growing importance of the service sector in many economies and the need for development and coordination of statistics in the sector; agreed to establish a Task Force on Service Statistics, focusing on international trade in services in the first instance and broadening to a fuller coverage of services at a later stage, subject to the appointment of an appropriate convener. Consultations concerning a convener would proceed;

(b) Noted that many organizations were concerned with the question of poverty and were taking initiatives on data, measurement and other aspects of the question; agreed to establish a Task Force on the Measurement of Poverty and requested the World Bank to act as convener and to associate the regional commissions with it. Draft terms of reference were adopted subject to further review by the World Bank and the Bureau.

(c) Recognized that the issues involved in technical cooperation were very broad and that the workload imposed by the existing task forces was already quite large; decided that it was not timely to proceed with a task force on technical cooperation but requested the existing task forces to consider technical cooperation in each of their areas.

D. Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases 5/

28. While participation in the meetings of the Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases had been high and some members of the Subcommittee had found the work of the Group to be useful, there was general dissatisfaction with recent directions in its work. Concern was expressed that the terms of reference of the Group needed to be reconsidered so that it would have more relevant direction and focus in its work. Some doubt was expressed about whether there was a continuing need for the Group. The Subcommittee decided to suspend the work of the Group but agreed that a meeting of the Group could be convened following consultation with the Bureau, if the need arose.

E. Directories, inventories and other tools and reporting mechanisms for promoting coordination 6/

29. The Subcommittee reconfirmed its view that a real need existed for the inventories, directories and other tools and reporting mechanisms that existed in international statistical work. They provided useful information to national and international organizations and improved the links between national, regional and international statistical organizations. However, they needed to be brought up-to-date and their presentation improved in order to raise interest in them and improve their usability. Target audiences needed to be made more aware of their availability. Resources spent on those efforts were considered well spent.

30. The Subcommittee decided that the following products would be maintained and issued during the 1994-1995 period:

(a) A new edition of the Directory of International Statistics, containing full descriptions of the role and activities of organizations active in international statistical work and related intergovernmental and inter-agency coordination structures;

(b) A full annotated list of methodological publications;

(c) Documents containing information on programmes and plans of international statistical organizations;

(d) An inventory of statistical data-collection activities;

(e) An inventory of computerized statistical databases;

(f) A list of classifications used in statistics;

(g) A short annotated list of coordination tools.

31. The Subcommittee agreed that approaches should be adopted that would enable those products to be kept current and issued on a timely basis. Such approaches would include the use of database techniques. A strict deadline approach should be adopted so that useful products would be issued on time; refinements could be held for subsequent issues. They should be identified as products of the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities.

32. The Subcommittee considered that it would be helpful to countries and members of the Subcommittee if national statistical offices were more fully aware of the work of international statistical organizations and efforts to coordinate that work. The Subcommittee agreed that UNSTAT should inform the directors-general of national statistical offices about the availability of inventories and other products, particularly when new directors-general were first appointed, and should try to obtain feedback on the uses made of them at the national level. In addition, it would be useful for regional commissions to have stocks available for distribution at regional meetings.

33. The Subcommittee noted that reports of Subcommittee meetings were sent to members of the Statistical Commission and decided that they should be sent to all national statistical offices as well with a covering letter. The Subcommittee also invited agencies to send the report and the annotated list of coordination tools to their national contact points, and requested the regional commissions to extend the information that they currently provided to their regional intergovernmental bodies on the Statistical Commission to include the work of the Subcommittee, as part of an effort to promote knowledge at government level of coordination efforts in statistics.

34. The Subcommittee also encouraged organizations to attend regional conferences of statisticians and to use those opportunities to make clear to countries the services that were available, particularly in technical cooperation, and to promote coordinated action at the country level within the region. Subject to the agreement of the Working Group, the Subcommittee decided to discontinue the Directory of Technical Cooperation in Statistics, since the information contained in the existing Directory would be better provided to countries through regional channels, including the regional conferences of statisticians.

F. Resources available for statistical work in the international organizations 7/

35. The Subcommittee reviewed the information that had been assembled. In view of the inadequacy of that information, which was not at all comparable on an inter-agency basis, the Subcommittee decided to take no further action.

G. Coordination of ongoing statistical programmes

36. The Subcommittee took note of the following information documents* and invited members to provide any comments directly to the organizations that had prepared them:

(a) Statistical training in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (SA/1993/15/Revised), prepared by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat);

(b) Statistical cooperation with countries in transition: context and strategy (SA/1993/15), prepared by Eurostat;

(c) Compilation of statistics for the second issue of The World's Women, the World Summit for Social Development and the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (SA/1993/15), prepared by UNSTAT.

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* See list of session documents contained in annex III.

37. The Subcommittee considered a report by the Economic Commission for Africa entitled "Coordinating Committee on African Statistical Development: need for additional operational support" (SA/1993/15).* The Subcommittee expressed support for the activities that various agencies were carrying out in support of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s.

38. UNSTAT indicated that it would circulate to members of the Subcommittee, in the near future, a short note on the harmonization of classifications and a revised note on the proposed United Nations Economic and Social Information System.

H. Other business

39. The Subcommittee, on being informed of the new responsibilities assigned to its Chairman, the Director of the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat, adopted a resolution of thanks to the Director for his many years of effective and purposeful chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

40. The Subcommittee agreed that its outgoing and incoming Chairmen would consult with each other to ensure an early and smooth transition and implementation of the new methods of work of the Subcommittee.

41. The Subcommittee agreed that, in principle, subregional statistical organizations could be involved in the work of the Subcommittee and should contact the Chairman of the Subcommittee concerning their possible involvement.

42. The Subcommittee took note of the work and plans of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections.

I. Dates, place and agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the Subcommittee

43. The agenda, as set out in paragraph 6 above, was agreed subject to review and finalization by the Bureau.

Notes**

1/ The substance of the report was already complete before the secretariat of the Subcommittee had access to the conclusions of the Organizational Committee at its second regular session of 1993 concerning reports of ACC subsidiary bodies (see ACC/1993/2/Add.3, paras. 35 and 36 and

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* See list of session documents contained in annex III.

** The document symbols provided in notes 2 through 7 refer to the session documents listed in annex III.

annex III). Nevertheless, it has been restructured as far as possible to conform to the new format, except that section II, "Work of the Subcommittee", does not contain separate subsections on action taken and summary of discussions but presents that information in combined form.

2/ The item was discussed on the basis of reports prepared by UNSTAT, IMF and Eurostat (all numbered SA/1993/2); a report prepared by the International Statistical Institute (ISI) (SA/1993/20/ISI); and a background document prepared by UNSTAT (SA/1993/3 and Add.1).

3/ The item was discussed on the basis of a report prepared by UNSTAT (SA/1993/4).

4/ The item was discussed on the basis of reports prepared by the conveners of each of the six task forces, as follows: national accounts (ISWGNA), (SA/1993/7 and supplementary note); industrial and construction statistics (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)), (SA/1993/8); international trade statistics (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)), (SA/1993/9); finance statistics (IMF), (SA/1993/10); price statistics, including the ICP (Eurostat), (SA/1993/11); and environment statistics (UNSTAT), (SA/1993/12).

5/ The item was discussed on the basis of the report of the Technical Working Group on its ninth meeting (Geneva, 29 April-1 May 1992) (SA/1993/5) and a report by UNSTAT on the terms of reference and agenda of the Technical Working Group (SA/1993/6).

6/ The item was discussed on the basis of a report by UNSTAT (SA/1993/13) containing proposals on future work by the Subcommittee in the area.

7/ The item was discussed on the basis of a report prepared by UNSTAT (SA/1993/14) providing information on resources available for statistical work in the international organizations.

Annex I

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Future role and functioning of the Subcommittee.

3. Coordination of statistical data collection from countries.

4. Issues related to the work of the task forces established by the Statistical Commission.

5. Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases.

6. Directories, inventories and other tools and reporting mechanisms for promoting coordination.

7. Resources available for statistical work in the international organizations.

8. Coordination of ongoing statistical programmes.

9. Other business:

   (a) Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections.

10. Dates, place and agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the Subcommittee.

11. Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee on its twenty-seventh session.

Annex II

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Annex III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Document number	Agenda item	Title or description
SA/1993/1	1	Provisional agenda
SA/1993/1/Add.1	1	Proposed schedule of discussions
SA/1993/2	2	Role of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities (IMF)
SA/1993/2	2	Future role and functioning of the Subcommittee (Eurostat)
SA/1993/2	2	Future role and functioning of the Subcommittee (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/3	2	Future role and functioning of the Subcommittee - Background information on the Subcommittee - Summary (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/3/Add.1	2	Future role and functioning of the Subcommittee - Background information on the Subcommittee - Detailed report (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/4	3	Coordination of statistical data collection from countries (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/5	4	Report of the Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases on its ninth meeting, Geneva, 29 April-1 May 1992 (TWG)
SA/1993/6	4	Terms of reference and agenda for the Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/7 and supplementary note	5	Report of the task force on national accounts (Convener-ISWGNA)
SA/1993/8	5	Report of the task force on industrial and construction statistics (Convener-OECD)
SA/1993/9	5	Report of the task force on international trade statistics (Convener-GATT)

Document number	Agenda item	Title or description
SA/1993/10	5	Report of the task force on finance statistics (Convener-IMF)
SA/1993/11	5	Report of the task force on price statistics including the ICP (Convener-Eurostat)
SA/1993/12	5	Report of the task force on environment statistics (Convener-UNSTAT)
SA/1993/13	6	Directories, inventories and other tools and reporting mechanisms for promoting coordination (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/14	7	Resources available for statistical work in the international organizations (UNSTAT - input by organizations)
SA/1993/15	8	Coordinating Committee on African Statistical Development: need for additional operational support (ECA)
SA/1993/15	8	Statistical cooperation with countries in transition: context and strategy (Eurostat)
SA/1993/15 Revised	8	Statistical training in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (Eurostat)
SA/1993/15	8	Compilation of statistics for the second issue of The World's Women, the World Summit for Social Development and the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (UNSTAT)
SA/1993/20/ISI	2	Information about ISI activities (ISI)
Unnumbered background note	2	Topics for the 1994 Voorburg Conference on Long Term Perspectives for International Statistics (ISI)